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SUBJECT: APPEALS COURT UPHOLDS ACQUITTAL OF TWO FORMER
GITMO DETAINEES

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(SBU) In a May 29 ruling, Court of Appeals Judge Mohammed Al-Bahr upheld the Criminal Court's acquittal (reftel) of two Guantanamo detainees transferred to Kuwait in September 2006.

Abdullah Kamel Al-Kandari (41) and Omar Rajab Amin (32) were not in court for the ruling. After hearing the verdict, one of the defendants' lawyers, Dr. Fayed Al-Dhafeeri, said, "Today's ruling leaves no shred of doubt that those men were innocent. Two courts have now proven them innocent after they lost five years of their lives in Guantanamo," local press reported. The public prosecution can appeal the case to the Court of Cassation, Kuwait's highest judicial body.

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